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SECURE FRANKING MACHINE

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More than 28 months have passed since we last received a communication relating to the above-identified patent application filed on March 24, 2004. No Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Therefore, applicants wish to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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